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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think it is necessary."

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Implementation of the recommendations of the Hotel Sanitation Committee.

* 223 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) who is the officer responsible for providing typical technical designs for implementing the recommendations of the Hotel Sanitation Committee;

(b) whether there are any instances where the Minister for Health has called upon the Director of Public Health to furnish type designs; if so, whether the Director of Public Health is technically qualified for the purpose; and

(c) the function of the Sanitary Engineer in the matter of providing typical engineering designs?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No officer is responsible for providing typical technical designs according to the recommendations of the Hotel Sanitation Committee. The local bodies will advise the intending builders to build canteens and restaurants according to the designs recommended by the Committee.

" (b) No, Sir, does not arise.

" (c) It is not the function of the Sanitary Engineer to provide typical designs for canteens and restaurants. Type designs are to be designed by the Standing Expert Committee, of which the Sanitary Engineer is a member."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister satisfied with the type of designs for hotel buildings recommended by the Hotel Sanitation Committee? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have appointed a Standing Expert Committee for evolving proper types of designs."

Waiver of recoveries from Maintenance Grants to Aided Elementary Schools.

* 224 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether any orders have been issued by the Government for the waiver of recoveries from maintenance grants to aided elementary schools in certain districts in the State for the years 1949 and 1950?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government ordered the waiver of recoveries of maintenance grants in the following cases :—

(1) A grant of Rs. 405 paid in excess for 1949 to the management of the C.S.K. Sri Vidya Patasala Higher Elementary School, Papanasam.

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(2) Excess payment of grants made to certain aided elementary schools in the Tiruchirappalli district during 1949 due to some confusion in the understanding of orders.

(3) Excess payments made on wrong assessment in certain districts and in the Coimbatore Division during 1947–50 by including Teachers' Provident Fund as a reasonable item of expenditure for calculation of maintenance grant."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Am I to understand, Sir, that no waiver of recoveries was made in respect of grants for 1950 in Tiruchirappalli district? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, as far as my information goes."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" When a recovery of about 15,000 rupees was waived in 1949, may I know why a similar recovery in 1950 was not waived? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member asked for information regarding waiver of recoveries. If he wants to know why certain recoveries were not waived, he must put a separate question relating to such items on which he requires information."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, with reference to an unstarred question I put in this House, it was stated that a sum of Rs. 15,000 odd rupees was ordered to be recovered by the Government in the year 1950 in the case of the Tiruchirappalli district. May I know, Sir, why the same rule that governed the waiver in 1949 was not applied in the year 1950? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Each case is separately considered. Suppose in a particular year, there has been an excess payment; we waive it. Suppose it is repeated; it is not as if we should waive it again. We take into consideration the facts of each case and pass orders."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" It is pointed out in the Audit Report for 1953 that a sum of Rs. 34,147 was waived. May I know whether the amounts waived in the year 1950 were also included in this? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to see the Audit Report before I can answer the question. Now I am answering from the facts supplied to me."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether these recoveries were in respect of the management's contribution to the Provident Fund alone or in respect of the actual salaries over and above the teaching grants which are said to be admissible for the purpose of calculating the grants? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" According to the rules only certain items are taken into consideration for the purpose of granting waiver of recoveries. If there is any

excess payment in respect of any item or if there is a wrong payment we order recovery of the excess grant made. But in certain hard cases, we consider the position and order waiver of the recovery."

Pracharak Diploma Qualification for Hindi Pandits.

* 225 Q.—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Hindi Pandits who are mere holders of the Visharad degree of the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha are required to obtain the Pracharak Diploma to make themselves fully qualified teachers; and

(*b*) if so, the need for such a step in the light of the answer to unstarred Legislative Council Question No. 3 given on 2nd December 1954?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A Hindi teacher should possess a qualification in Hindi a minimum general educational qualification and a training qualification. The Visharad Diploma of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha or its equivalent is only a qualification in Hindi while the Pracharak Diploma awarded by the Sabha is reckoned both as a Hindi qualification and as a training qualification. The answer to Question No. 3, dated 2nd December 1954 gives only equivalents of Hindi qualification and not the other qualifications."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Am I to understand, Sir, that the Government will be satisfied if a Hindi teacher possesses besides the Hindi qualification some training as higher grade or secondary grade or pandit's training? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. We have prescribed the qualifications. The candidates must possess both the ordinary qualification and the training qualification in Hindi."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, is there not a departmental order that any teacher's training qualification will do for the purpose of appointment as Hindi Pandit? I have already expressed my opinion in the House that this Pracharak diploma training is not a mere training but a combined general and training course, something like M.A. combined with training. Will the Government, therefore, start a separate training course for these pandits as they have got for other language pandits? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already said, Sir, that the Pracharak Diploma training not only enables the candidate to acquire a knowledge of Hindi but also serves as training for appointment as teacher. It contains both the things. The suggestion of the hon. Member that separate training courses should be started will however be considered."